



SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NARRATIVE TEXT HARDCOPY

GO# 2012-15441 OPEN

X-21 DISTURBANCE-OTH

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OFFICER STATEMENT
NARRATIVE

On 01/16/2012 at 0059 hours, Officers were dispatched to 1500 Broadway AV ,
Nightclub, regarding a disturbance between Security and patrons.

We arrived and contacted all subjects in the alley behind [REDACTED].
1 [REDACTED], 2 [REDACTED], and 3 [REDACTED] stated they were in the alley outside [REDACTED]
when [REDACTED] Security Officer started telling them they had to leave the
alley, but they didn't know why. 2 [REDACTED] stated he was then pushed down
by security twice, which caused scratches to both of his knees. 1 [REDACTED]
stated he was pushed to the ground when he demanded the Security Officers
ID. 1 [REDACTED]'s sweatshirt was wet and dirty. I asked 1 [REDACTED] for his ID card
and as he was looking in his wallet, I noticed he had a police ID card. I
asked him if he was a Seattle police officer and he stated he was. 1 [REDACTED]
stated he identified himself as a police officer to the Security. 1 [REDACTED]
and 3 [REDACTED] stated they feel like they were assaulted by security and would
like a police report.

I then contacted Security 4 [REDACTED] who stated [REDACTED] has video of the
incident. 4 [REDACTED] stated he got involved in the incident because the "1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED]", 5 [REDACTED], who he does business with, came running up and asked
for his assistance. 4 [REDACTED] stated 2 [REDACTED] and 3 [REDACTED] were harassing him
and he then told them to leave the alley. 4 [REDACTED] stated 3 [REDACTED] used his
elbow to push him across the chest, which started the disturbance.
[REDACTED] escorted me downstairs and I met with the General Manager of
[REDACTED], 6 [REDACTED]. 6 [REDACTED] showed me the video surveillance of the
incident. The video was grainy and difficult to see the exact movement of
the subjects, however, it appeared 4 [REDACTED] was the aggressor in most of
the video.

The beginning of the video shows 2 [REDACTED] and 3 [REDACTED] walking north in the
alley, and 5 [REDACTED] was running northbound in front of them.
5 [REDACTED] ran up to security officer 7 [REDACTED] at the entrance to
[REDACTED] and hastily motioned for him. 5 [REDACTED] then turns toward
2 [REDACTED] and walks up to 2 [REDACTED], who appears to be standing with his
hands in his shorts. 5 [REDACTED] appears to be yelling at 2 [REDACTED] as you
can see shoulder and arm movement near 2 [REDACTED]'s face. 2 [REDACTED] then uses
his right hand to push 5 [REDACTED] away from him. This gave 2 [REDACTED] about
a 3 foot separation between them. This was not a hard violent push but
seemed to be used to gain separation between the two. A second or two
later, 4 [REDACTED] is then seeing approaching 2 [REDACTED] and 3 [REDACTED], who were



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still standing in the alley. ⁴ had the word "Security" written on the front and back of his shirt in large white letters. Another security officer then approached ² and ³. It appeared words were exchanged and then ⁴ quickly leg sweeps ³ slamming him to the ground. ⁴ later tells me that ³ threw a elbow at him causing this take down. ³ stated he did no such thing and was only standing there. After ³ was thrown to the ground, there was some pushing between ², ⁴, ³ and ⁷. While this was happening, ¹ was standing by the alcove entrance to ², relaxing with his hand on the wall. When the pushing started, ¹ noticed and moved in between all the parties. ¹ is clearly seen putting his hands up in the air telling everyone to stop fighting. The four subjects seemed to break up the fight for a moment. Then it appeared they continued to argue as ⁴ kept approaching them. ¹ was now standing by the building wall when ⁴ approached him. They appeared to exchange words and ⁴ pushes ¹ into the wall and to the ground. It appeared just prior to that ¹ may have reached out to grab ⁴'s arm, but the video is not clear enough to see for sure. The physical altercation seemed to calm down again. A moment later, ¹ walked briskly toward the entrance of ². It appeared he had his hands in his sweatshirt pockets. Just as ¹ walked under the alcove, ⁴ tackled ¹ hard to the ground, this time, just north of the alcove. ¹ appears to holding his hand up as though he is trying to defend himself or telling ⁴ to stop. ¹ then tries to get up off the ground and ⁴ is seen pulling ¹ head backwards with his hand around ¹'s neck. ⁴ then pulls ¹ out of the camera view.

¹ told me that he identified himself as a police officer after the initial pushing took place, which means he was tackled and pulled by the neck after he identified himself as a police officer. ³ had also flashed his badge and identified himself as a police officer to ⁴ after the initial pushing took place.

⁴ acknowledged to me that ¹, ², and ³ identified themselves as police officers. I asked him why the physical altercation continued after they identified themselves. ⁴ stated because they shouldn't have acted like that if they were police officers. ⁴ also stated ¹ tried to rush him at the door and threw an elbow at him, which is why he tackled him and pulled him backwards by the neck. ⁴ stated ² and ³ told him, "you don't know anything about the law, Mexican." Per ⁴, this was said before the first pushing started. At first ⁴ said ² said it, but then stated it was ³. When I pressed the issue of ⁴ pulling on ¹ by the neck, ⁴



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said he did it because ³ [REDACTED] had came at him from behind and took his collapsible baton from his back pocket. I remembered seeing the collapsible baton on the ground when I first arrived. ³ [REDACTED] had pointed it out to me.

After viewing the video tape I told ⁴ [REDACTED] that it appeared he was the primary aggressor in the altercation. ⁴ [REDACTED] seemed to change some of his story as we went along and seemed to justify his actions by stating ¹ [REDACTED], ³ [REDACTED], and ² [REDACTED] were throwing elbows and using their shoulders to assault him.

I instructed ⁶ [REDACTED], the General Manager to save the video tape for evidence, since he was unable to download me a copy at the scene. Later I was told there is a second camera facing the opposite direction, which may have caught the portion when ¹ [REDACTED] was pulled out of the first camera's view. The owner of Neighbors was present when I instructed ⁶ [REDACTED] to save the surveillance video.

² [REDACTED] and ¹ [REDACTED] were again contacted and I directly asked them if they made or heard any racial slurs or comments. They both stated "No." ² [REDACTED] stated there are cameras in the alley and they would never say that. ² [REDACTED] stated he kept his hands in his pockets trying to avoid a confrontation because of the cameras. I asked ² [REDACTED] what the ⁵ [REDACTED] said to him which per the video seemed to set everything off. ² [REDACTED] knew who I was referring to, but stated he did not remember talking to that guy.

Just prior to this, I had spoken with ⁵ [REDACTED], the "[REDACTED]". ⁵ [REDACTED] stated he never asked security for assistance, and only wanted to say "hi" to them. ⁵ [REDACTED] at first said he never spoke with ² [REDACTED], but then stated he told him that he was drunk and he had to leave the alley.

¹ [REDACTED], ³ [REDACTED], and ² [REDACTED] all had been consuming alcohol earlier. ¹ [REDACTED] and ² [REDACTED] were visibly intoxicated. After the incident was investigated, they were released from the scene.

A/Sgt Elliott screened the incident while at the scene. He also viewed a portion of the surveillance video.

I provided ⁴ [REDACTED] a business card with case report. ¹ [REDACTED], ² [REDACTED], and ³ [REDACTED] declined to accept a business card.



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I hereby declare (certify) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief (RCW 9A.72.085)

Electronically signed:

BELL, RICHARD EUGENE_II

Date: Jan-16-2012

Place: Seattle, WA

*** END OF HARDCOPY ***